

## WELCOME TO EPA'S MID-ATLANTIC REGION

Citizen concern over the number of uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites led Congress to establish the Superfund Program in 1980. EPA Region III administers Superfund in Maryland, in cooperation with the the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

This briefing book serves a dual purpose. It outlines recent Superfund progress in Maryland. More importantly, it also gives you up-to-date information to effectively address questions and concerns you may receive related to Superfund in Maryland, from both a policy perspective as well as in response to constituent concerns.

The book begins with a brief history of Superfund, followed by a basic 'refresher course' on how a hazardous waste site is placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) of the nation's most hazardous waste sites. Read on to learn about the environmental success stories that are generating positive attention in Maryland, including the Brownfields redevelopment program and the push to reuse once-toxic waste sites.

And if all you need is specific site information, go straight to the appendix where you'll find a detailed history of every NPL site in your state, listed by congressional district.

Let us know if you have any comments about the Superfund program in Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic states. We've made good progress over the past 20 years and look forward to further discussions on how working together, we can continue to promote a cleaner, healthier, more productive environment.

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